

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: M. R. Tyson
TADASHI HAYASHI, ET AL.)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 3773
Application No.: 10/810,827)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 1010
Filed: March 29, 2004)	
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For: VIBRATING KNIFE AND)	September 24, 2008
EXCISION APPARATUS	:	

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesy extended toward their representative during the telephone conversation of September 23, 2008.

During the conversation, the Examiner proposed amending Claim 1 to include the phrase “adapted to be” in lines 2, 9, 11, 13 and 15, and cancelling non-elected Claims 3-8 and 12-15. The Examiner also agreed to amend Claims 9 and 11 to recite, in the preamble, an excision apparatus having a vibrating knife defined in Claim 1.

As understood, the changes will be made by Examiner’s Amendment and the case will be passed to issue.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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